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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants : William Butler Cowden et al.
Application No. : 09/142,597
Filed : September 10, 1998
For : USE OF COXIELLA BACTERIA TO TREAT
AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE



Examiner : S. Devi, Ph.D.
Art Unit : 1641
Docket No. : 120081.403
Date : December 21, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2000, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on December 21, 2000. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

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In the Specification:

At page 1, line 3, insert the heading: --"TECHNICAL FIELD"--

At page 1, please delete lines 13-19.

At page 1, line 20, insert the heading: --"BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION"--